



2018 Volunteer Shifts

Thank you for volunteering at Wishes in Wine Country 2018! Wishes in Wine Country is an event in two parts: the tasting and the dinner. Most guests are just coming for the wine and hors d'oeuvres tasting, from 2:00-5:00pm. Some guests will be staying for the sunset dinner on the terrace from 5:30-9:30pm. Accordingly, the majority of the volunteer shifts happen during the tasting, but a number of them take place during dinner.

If you are feeling ambitious and would like to sign up for a double shift, please indicate so in the comments on the form, and sign up for at least one shift during tasting, and another shift during dinner.

We have quite a few volunteer shifts available, so feel free to rope in your friends and family to join you.

Please read below for the descriptions of volunteer duties, and choose your top 3 shift choices. Your top shift may fill up, so be sure to list some backups.

Where do we need the most help?

Tasting breakdown is the shift that is always hardest to fill. Shifts during the dinner are also difficult. Otherwise, see what is available on the dropdown menus.

Setup Shifts

Friday Setup – 10am-2pm or 12-4pm

The majority of the setup needs are handled on Friday. Come help set up tents, tables, signs, tasting stations, and more. Bring your whole office crew to come volunteer for the day.

Saturday Setup – 9am-2pm

Most of the setup needs will be filled on Friday, but Saturday will be our last chance to set up the silent auction, sponsor boxes, set out table cloths, haul ice, and any other last minute setup duties.

Vendor Setup – 10:30am-2:30pm

Vendor Setup volunteers help the tasting vendors check in, haul their wares to the tasting tables, get them any supplies they may need (ice, spoons, plates, etc.), and check to make sure the vendors are stocked. Tasting setup volunteers must be able to carry at least 45 pounds (a case of wine).

Shifts Available at Various Times Throughout the Day

Floater – 1-5:30, or 5:30-10pm

Floater are the go-to people who can do anything at the last minute. When volunteers cancel at the last minute, or we have a crisis that needs volunteer help, floater volunteers are the ones who step in to help with that.

Volunteer Checkin – 9am-1:30pm 1:30-6pm, 5:00-10pm

The volunteers will have a special volunteer room for people to check in, take breaks, get snacks, and leave their belongings. 2 volunteers per shift will help in the volunteer room to sign people in, keep the room tidy, and watch people's things.

Shifts During the Tasting

Build A Wish Fundraisers – 1:30-6pm

Guests can make donations to help build up to the cost of a wish. Help raise the money to make a wish come true!

Cabana and VIP Service – 1-5:30pm

Our sponsors will have their own cabanas with chairs, wine, and other perks. We are looking for a couple volunteers to help keep the wine stocked, remove plates, and grab extra food items for the guests, as needed.

Croquet Hoop Shoot Fundraisers – 1-5:30pm

Wishes in Wine Country is held at a winery that features a croquet court. With 4 different courts, we will be giving guests the opportunity to play croquet. 2 volunteers per court will help sell entrance to croquet and assist guests with croquet supplies.

Registration Greeter – 1:15-4:00pm

As guests check in, the registration greeter will help direct guests to the appropriate line at the registration table.

Photo Assistants – 1:30-5:30pm

Wishes in Wine Country features a "Step and Repeat" for people to get their picture taken on an official backdrop. Photo Assistant Volunteers help take the guests' pictures, using the guests' cell phones or cameras.

Raffle – 1-5:30pm

Throughout the tasting, raffle volunteers will float throughout the crowd selling raffle tickets to guests. Raffle volunteers should be energetic, friendly people who can sell, sell, sell! Raffle volunteers should also be able to be on their feet for a few hours.

Registration – 1-6:00pm

Registration volunteers check in guests as they arrive, get them wristbands, and sign them up for the silent auction. Registration volunteers should be comfortable using computers, and able to move quickly under stress when the lines get long. We may dismiss some volunteers earlier than 6:00pm, when the lines dissipate.

Silent Auction Monitors – 1-5:30pm

Silent Auction Monitors stand near the Silent Auction tables, encouraging people to bid, chatting with guests, and making sure the auction runs smoothly. When the auction ends, volunteers will help pull bid sheets and bring them to registration. After the auction closes, silent auction monitors will help break down the auction, and carry all items back to the checkout area. Silent Auction Monitors must be able to carry at least 45 pounds (a case of wine).

Tasting Assistants – 1-5:30pm

Tasting Assistants help during the tasting, to make sure the vendor stations (wineries and food stations) are stocked with supplies they may need.

Tasting Servers – 1-5:30pm

Occasionally, wineries or food stations are unable to send their own reps to serve wine or food. Tasting servers assist by pouring wine or handing out food. Must be at least 21 years old for this station.

Wine Glass Station 1-5:30pm

As guests show up for the tasting, we will have volunteers handing them wine glasses and keeping the table stocked with wine glasses.

Water Station – 1-5:30pm

Wishes in Wine Country can be hot. We want to keep guests hydrated at the water station. Volunteers help with handing out water bottles and keeping the water table prepped.

Evening Shifts Available During the Dinner

Checkout Runners – 3:30-7:30pm or 7-10pm

Checkout Runners are volunteers who bring items won at the auctions to the guests, and in some cases, help them to their cars. Checkout runner volunteers must be able to carry at least 45 pounds (a case of wine).

Dinner Cashiers – 6-10pm

Dinner Cashiers will be helping at the registration desk to tally up winning bidders' purchases, and have their items ready to go when they come to check out. Cashiers must be comfortable using computers.

Live Auction – 6-10pm

After dinner, guests will bid on various lots in the live auction. Live Auction volunteers will stand in different locations around the room to help the auctioneer spot the winning bidders. Live auction volunteers should be loud, outgoing people who can get the auctioneer's attention and help keep the energy level high. Most Live Auction volunteers will be spotters, though 2 will be presenters (bring a gift to the winning bidder), and 2 will be scribes (help write down winners' information).

Sommeliers – 5-10pm

Sommeliers pour wine for the guests during dinner.

Tasting Breakdown – 5:00-8:30pm

Tasting Breakdown volunteers are the one of the most crucial spots at Wishes in Wine Country! Volunteers will start by breaking down the silent auction and transporting auction items to the checkout, for guests to take home. As the tasting closes, volunteers will help collect empty wine bottles, dump out ice, pack up leftover food, pull table linens, and any other tasks related to breaking down the tasting. The majority of this happens while the dinner guests are having dinner, so the whole breakdown is seamless. Tasting breakdown volunteers must be able to carry at least 45 pounds (a case of wine).